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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the agreement reached between Microsoft and The Department of Justice. I believe that we need to allow Microsoft to put its efforts back into technological innovation. With the current sluggish performance of the technology industry we do not need a pioneering company like Microsoft overwhelmed with litigation.

I believe that Microsoft is more than generous in accepting the terms of the proposed agreement. Microsoft has agreed to allow competition by: allowing computer makers to ship software that competes with Windows operating system, allowing disclosure of internal Windows interfaces, and allowing complaints to be filed with a technical committee.

I hope that these terms along with the resolution of this lawsuit, will act as a catalyst for improved performance in the technology industry. It is time to move forward and allow the free-market system to work. I support this proposal and I hope you will too. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*J Bob Baum*

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P.S.  
*The events in the last few days are very sad for anyone who might be in the position I am in since the legal actions that have been taken by Netscape against Microsoft will be a net loss to the stockholders of Microsoft and Netscape. It will be an absolute loss - no matter who wins - except for the attorneys representing the litigants. I own stock in both companies. What will the government do to compensate me for this??*

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